

CELEBRATE MAY DAY!

International Day of Unity and Struggle of the Working Class and People



Reject the Agenda of the Ruling Elites! Now Is the Time to Move Forward with the Independent Programme of the Working Class!

On the occasion of May Day 2025, the day of international working class unity and struggle, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) sends its warmest revolutionary greetings to the working class of England, Scotland and Wales, and to the working class internationally. Solidarity!

May First has long been the day when working and oppressed people, people throughout the world struggling to put in place a new society, celebrate what unites them. Throughout the world they are taking a stand against the crisis of the Old, the world of war, militarism, the anti-social offensive of the rich who have usurped political power, and taking a stand for a human-centred future of the New, a world of resistance, people's empowerment, the fulfilment of the battle of democracy.

This is the vision that is illuminated on May Day, and why it is affirmed as a time of celebrating the unity of the mass of humanity who are as one in the struggle against the world of the oligarchs and their apologists, and are stepping up this resistance, demanding an end to wanton war-mongering, and the recognition of the rights of all, of everyone as human beings. It is a world where all participate in deciding, in being in control of, their own future, where society is organised for the benefit of human beings, not the private interests that ride roughshod over the rights of human beings. It is a world where the social wealth produced by the working class is put to use for the benefit of ordinary people, the producers.

The movement of working people to say that “Enough Is Enough” has been transforming the consciousness of working people that they themselves have the solution to the crisis. It cannot be forgotten that this declaration was linked to the equally defiant declaration that “the working

class is back"! In voicing their demands and speaking out in defence of their rights and the rights of all, working people are consolidating their conviction that they must answer the call of history and effect a change in the direction of the economy and of society in their favour. How can it be that when measures are needed to guarantee the right to health care, education, housing and a caring, stable quality of life, neo-liberal governments are instead increasing war spending by stepping up the anti-social offensive, to ensure the profits of war profiteers at the expense of people's well-being? The people are demanding dignified working and living conditions, and are opposed to warmongering which is causing such devastation in the world.

The working class has its duty, in affirming that there is a way out of the crisis despite all the doom-mongering, and that countering the doom-mongering is half the battle, to take up its leadership of the fight for the rights of all, which encompasses its own fight in defence of its rights. Indeed, the class has been militantly demonstrating its defiance in the face of the government's vicious anti-social offensive, its using of public funds to pay the rich and militarise the economy, and engage in and support for warmongering, even up to genocide. The Starmer government has shown its contempt for the message of May Day by resuming its criminal bombing of Yemen.

The government's smoke-and-mirrors under the rubric of "growth", imposing austerity while blaming the existence of black holes, and coupling this with attempting to lead a "coalition of the willing" for its own interests and that of the arms manufacturers – all this has met the opposition from working people. Going beyond this, working people fervently desire a world order where the condition for the peace and prosperity of any nation is the peace and prosperity of all nations and people. This is the historic task which must be and is being taken up for solution.

Why not adopt the outlook that the cutting-edge of this task now is the fight for an Anti-War Government, with the people as the decision-makers? This is a task worthy of the working class. It is coupled inextricably with the fight for empowerment, for vesting sovereignty in the people. The step-by-step fighting for a state with a modern democratic personality is inextricably linked with the struggle for peace, security and friendship amongst peoples today.

RCPB(ML) calls on the working class to take up its mission to lead society out of the crisis. Reject the agenda of the ruling elites! Now is the time for the working class to move forward with an independent programme. Such a programme includes:

Stop Paying the Rich!

Increase Investments in Social Programmes!

A New Direction for the Economy!

Uphold the Dignity of Labour!

No-one Is Illegal!

Protect Mother Earth!

Uphold the Right to Conscience, Speech, Assembly and Organisation!

Fight for an Anti-War Government!

The Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions - Gaza Strip has issued a call to action for May Day and Nakba Day, in the face of all the governments who are turning a blind eye, speaking directly to the workers' spirit of internationalism. It says: "we urge you to stand in solidarity with our struggle and take decisive action to honour the countless martyrs lost and the families torn apart, and build pressure for a free Palestine." And concludes: "Now is the time for courageous worker-led solidarity! Long live international solidarity with Palestinian workers in their struggle for return and liberation!"

A red salute to all workers world-wide in struggle for the New and against oppression!

Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World, Unite!